

Location

Vance County is located within Region K in North Central North Carolina along the following coordinates: 36° 10' west to 36° 32' 30" west longitude and 78° 19' north to 78° 30' north latitude. It is bordered on the north by the State of Virginia, on the south by Franklin County, on the east by Warren County and on the west by Granville County. (See Map #1.) Vance County is divided into eight townships of which seven are rural in character (Dabney, Kittrell, Middleburg/Nutbush, Sandy Creek, Townsville, Watkins, and Williamsboro) and one which is urban in character (Henderson). There are three incorporated municipalities within Vance County which includes the two small communities of Middleburg and Kittrell, and the urban municipality of Henderson which is also the county seat. The City of Henderson is centrally located within Vance County and is approximately 43 miles north of Raleigh, the state capitol.

Historical Abstract

The first settlers of Vance County were of Indian ancestry. Their tribes were composed mainly of the Creeks, Saponi, and Tuscaroras. Individually, the Creeks lived along Nutbush Creek, hence, the entry of their title. In this area of Vance County, the tribe lived in complete harmony with nature and only hunted for immediate hunger and clothing needs. The Saponi Tribe was located in the northern part of the county. During 1728, the Saponi hunters were supplying settlers with food; because of this other tribes